

**Table B-13. Science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998 who have not taken college courses since most recent degree and likelihood of taking additional courses, by major field of degree: April 1999**

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total number not taking college courses since most recent degree <sup>1</sup>	Likelihood will take college courses		
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Very unlikely
All science and engineering fields.....	411,400	279,400	99,000	33,000
Total science.....	336,300	232,000	77,500	26,900
Computer and information sciences.....	35,900	21,400	10,600	3,900
Life and related sciences, total.....	73,400	50,700	16,800	6,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	10,500	4,500	3,800	2,200
Biological sciences.....	54,900	40,600	10,900	3,400
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	8,000	5,600	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	12,500	8,300	3,400	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	16,500	10,900	4,500	1,100
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	8,100	5,500	2,200	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	5,300	3,200	1,600	S
Physics and astronomy.....	2,800	1,900	800	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	70,000	50,200	14,900	4,900
Social and related sciences, total.....	127,900	90,500	27,300	10,100
Economics.....	23,800	16,200	6,200	S
Political science and related sciences.....	38,300	30,000	6,500	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	43,000	27,600	9,800	5,500
Other social sciences.....	22,900	16,700	4,800	S
Total engineering.....	75,000	47,500	21,400	6,100
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,400	1,100	300	S
Chemical engineering.....	8,000	5,700	1,800	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	14,200	7,300	5,100	1,800
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	21,200	13,700	5,900	S
Industrial engineering.....	4,400	2,900	1,300	S
Mechanical engineering.....	17,500	11,800	4,800	S
Other engineering.....	8,200	4,900	2,300	1,000

<sup>1</sup> Most recent degree as of the survey reference period, April 1999.

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999